

REMARKS

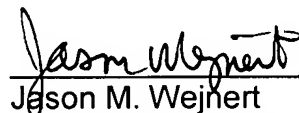
In response to the Election Requirement dated September 25, 2006, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-7 and 22-24. Applicants have now withdrawn claims 8-21.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the present case.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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